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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
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RE: BROADBAND INDUSTRY PRACTICES WC DOCKET NO. 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I applauded President Obama for making 100 broadband availability a national goal. Broadband Internet access and high-speed wireless networks are essential to economic growth, education, improved health outcomes, and greater quality of life.

Lately, I have become dismayed that the FCC is pursuing policies which will not achieve this goal and may, in fact, reverse years of progress. The U.S. is already behind other developed nations when it comes to broadband availability. Proposed "network neutrality" rules will not help us catch up to the rest of the world.

The FCC should be working to get broadband to every corner of the U.S., and it should be actively promoting the expansion of wireless broadband networks. Choosing instead to focus on restricting how network operators manage their business is not going to achieve the goal of 100 broadband availability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Royce West
State Senator
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